

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jim B. Satterfield,
Trousdale County Superintendent of Schools.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Jim B. Satterfield, longtime coach and Trousdale County Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, Jim B., as he was affectionately known, was born in Trousdale County in 1929; and

WHEREAS, he attended Trousdale County Schools where he excelled in academics and sports, serving as president of his class for three years and graduating fourth in his class; and

WHEREAS, Coach Satterfield served his country bravely in the United States Army during the Korean War and his courage was recognized by his receipt of the Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1952; and

WHEREAS, he attended Cumberland University, Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee Tech University, earning a Bachelor Degree in 1955, a Master's Degree in 1956 and an Education Specialist in School Administration Degree in 1982; and

WHEREAS, a very popular and highly regarded student, Coach Satterfield was selected a member of the Cumberland University Hall of Fame he served as president of his senior class and was voted "Most Likely To Succeed" at MTSU; and

WHEREAS, he served admirably as Trousdale County Superintendent for twenty-six productive years, ensuring that the budget was balanced during each of those years; and

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WHEREAS, under his capable leadership, two additions to the Trousdale County Elementary School were built (1974 and 1978), two additions to the Trousdale County High School were constructed (1974 and 1978), the high school was renovated (1984) and buses were purchased with tax-free money from the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Satterfield's lengthy list of significant accomplishments also includes: the addition of 80 computers to the school system over the last three years; an additional \$2.8 million being provided for the use of the local school system with no increase in county property or sales taxes; the achievement of an average ACT score of 22.5 for Trousdale County students, exceeding the state average of 22.0, despite the fact that the per pupil county expenditure is \$3,494, well below the state average of \$4,544; a reduction in the pupil-teacher ratio; the attainment of certification requirements by all teachers; the addition of new art and music and physical education classes in both schools; the implementation of the "Writing to Read" program in kindergarten and first grade, the addition of a school nurse; and the operation of a full-time Adult Education program, with 133 GED graduates; and

WHEREAS, his forty-one year Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame record is equally impressive. As head football coach at Trousdale County High School, his Yellow Jackets won the state Class AA state championship in 1972 and were the state runners-up in 1973, 1974 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, because of a rule change, he later relinquished the reigns of leadership to his son, Clint, who became head football coach, and Coach Satterfield assumed the duties of assistant coach; under their dynamic guidance, the Trousdale County team won the Class A Clinic Bowl in 1990 and 1993; and

WHEREAS, he was a devout member of Hartsville United Methodist Church, where he taught an informative Sunday School class for the last forty years; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Eleanor, whom he married in 1956; he was the proud parent of two successful children, son, Clint Alan Satterfield of

Hartsville and daughter, Kristi Joy Hargrove of Murfreesboro; and grandfather of four loving grandchildren, Wesley, Whitney, and Blake Satterfield, and Katie Hargrove; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Jim B. Satterfield has left behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Coach Jim B. Satterfield and express our deepest condolences to his family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, with this final resolving clause deleted, be prepared and presented.

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